From: Fogelman, Chris on behalf of Van Aken, Lynn

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Hi Joan-

1) Biggest "time-takers" in WIC:

Telephone calls, messages, re-scheduling, re-scheduling, re-scheduling...

Duplication of processes--paper & computer

Required multiple paper forms for special formulas

2) State Requirements but not Federal Regulations

State CPA requirements much more restrictive than Federal; we need <u>uniformity and consistency</u> across MT about who functions as a CPA; requirements are a barrier to finding qualified candidates to hire.

The zero income form: state guidelines should be consistent with federal guidelines; 30 day leeway for income per federal level vs immediate per state.

Initial cert of the infant vs being automatically on WIC as newborn to a WIC mom.

Newborns are at risk for exposure to viral and bacterial illnesses circulating in the community when required to report within the first days/weeks of life. Also, it is a hardship for WIC parents to comply with this requirement.

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